

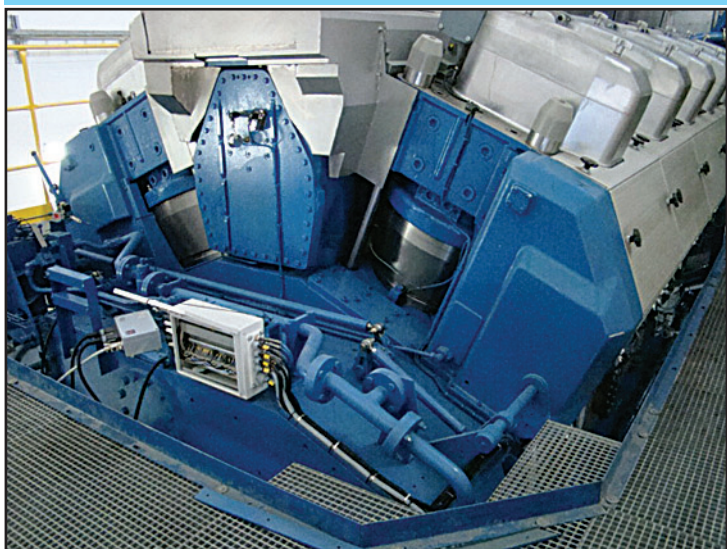


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WEB on prime time television again!



Yesterday WEB NV, Aruba's water and electricity plant, was on television again at prime time in a repeat program informing the public of the RECIP fase 3 program which is currently under construction.

Yesterday they could have been seen on ATV at 6:45 pm. Tonight they can be seen on TeleAruba at 7:00 pm. And, later tonight they can be seen at prime time...9:00 pm on Channel 22. The WEB program is a 15 minute television segment in which they will explain the technology of the RECIP and the process to implement this here in Aruba. They will illustrate, with specific data, how effi-

cient this system is.

WEB is inviting everyone to take some time to watch the 15 minute program. It will be very informative.

The RECIP 3 is one of a myriad of projects which began way back in 2003 (up to 2002 the price of Fuel Oil was US\$10 to \$20) WEB made the decision to either expand with one other boiler or explore some other technology.

A plan was put in place to move on to the technology of the RECIP

motor to generate electricity and so doing reduce their fuel oil consumption. That enabled WEB to improve their capacity for generating electricity in a much more efficient manner.

In the year 2006 when fuel oil was sold for US\$45, WEB laid the ground work for the first phase of the project. They set up the RECIP motors with

24 MW or 15% of the demand. In 2008 they installed RECIP phase 2 with 24MW for a total of 35% of the electricity demand.

Today in 2011 with fuel oil costing just over US\$100, they are in the process of building two important projects. These projects are designed to improve WEB's efficiency and reduce their Fuel Oil consumption.

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2. to use 35% less Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO) to generate 1 MWh

3. to reduce emission of gas by 124,000 MT CO₂ per year compared to the boiler conventional system.

On the 26th of August 2011 WEB celebrated the fact that they reached the highest point in the construction process of the RECIP phase 3 project. See for yourself how the technology of the RECIP motor works... tune in to ATV, TeleAruba or Channel 22.



LatAm group tries to block Libyan rebels at UN

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - A group of Latin American countries is trying to stop Libya's rebel government taking up the country's UN seat in time for next week's UN General Assembly summit, diplomats said yesterday.

Venezuela, acting for the ALBA group of countries, has written to UN leaders setting out the group's stance that Libya's UN seat should not be held by "an illegitimate transitory authority imposed by foreign intervention."

The move comes as the UN General Assembly credentials committee discusses Libya's membership ahead of next week's gathering of more than 140 heads of state and government when the National Transitional Council hopes to make its international debut.

The 193 member General Assembly may now have to hold a vote first to let the NTC take over the UN seat that is officially still held by the government of Moamer Kadhafi. Diplomats said the vote may be held Friday.

Normally the credentials committee makes a recommendation which is adopted by consensus at the assembly.

"This is clearly an attempt by the Latin group to stop the transitional council being at next week's meetings," said one UN diplomat.

Venezuela's UN ambassador Jorge Valero sent a letter to the President of the General Assembly, Nassir Abdulaziz al-Nasser, setting out the opposition to the Libya rebels agreed by foreign ministers from Venezuela, Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Dominica, Saint Vincent and Antigua and Barbuda at the ALBA meeting.

ALBA called for "an in-depth debate" at the UN credentials committee on Libya's membership.

It said this should be "aimed at preventing the occupation of the Libyan seat until a legitimate government is established, without foreign intervention, a government that reflects the free and sovereign will of the Libyan people."

While more than 80 countries, including most of the major powers, have recognized the transitional council, the government of Venezuela's radical President Hugo Chavez remains a backer of Kadhafi, who is now in hiding.



FRANCE, Paris : Estela de Carlotto (R), President and founder of the Argentina's non-governmental organization "Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo" poses with Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner after receiving the UNESCO's 2010 Félix Houphouët-Boigny Peace Prize on September 14, 2011 at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris. AFP PHOTO

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Libya's new leaders bask in Western support



Mustafa Abdel-Jalil

TRIPOLI (AFP) - Libya's new rulers basked in a wave of international support Wednesday, as they awaited a visit by the leaders of Britain and France, and Washington pledged to respect the right of Libyans to decide their own future.

A senior US official said after meeting Abdel Jalil that Washington stood behind the Libyan people, as Spain reopened its embassy in the capital and said it had secured UN approval to release 350 million euros (\$480 million) in frozen Libyan accounts to the country's new rulers.

"This is a victory by the Libyan people and Libya's destiny must be decided by Libyans alone," the assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs told a news conference.

This came as a top-level team from the African Union, which has refused to recognise the NTC, discussed ways to press for an inclusive Libyan government at a gath-

ering in Pretoria, South Africa.

Feltman paid tribute to the work of NTC in overseeing the transition from Moamer Kadhafi's 42 years of iron-fisted rule.

US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, he said, had been reassured after the NTC renewed its commitment to respecting rights and promised to investigate allegations of abuses following a damning report by Amnesty International.

Another group, the Mali-based Defence of Foreigners in Libya, on Wednesday accused Libya's new authorities of jailing and torturing some 300 foreigners, mostly Tuaregs from Mali and Niger, suspected of being Kadhafi backers.

Ahead of the AU meeting, South Africa's Foreign Minister Maite Nkoana-Mashabane had said it was not enough for Libya's new government to be headed by Abdel Jalil, who was justice minister under Kadhafi.

Dutch state liable for 1947 Indonesia executions: court

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Dutch state is responsible for executions committed by colonial troops at an Indonesian village in 1947 and relatives of victims should be compensated, a Dutch court ruled Wednesday.

Eight widows and one survivor from the town of Rawagedeh east of Jakarta took the Dutch state to court in 2008 to claim compensation for the execution of men and boys on December 9, 1947 by Dutch colonial troops, during Indonesia's war of independence.

A three-judge bench of The Hague civil court ruled Wednesday that seven of the eight widows claiming compensation should receive it,

while the family of a survivor of the massacre should also be compensated. The survivor, named as Saih Bin Sakam, died at age 88 in May this year.

An eighth widow died before the court papers were formally lodged in 2008, Schreuder said, turning down that claim.

A hearing to determine the exact amount to be paid would be the next step, the group's delighted lawyer Liesbeth Zegveld said.

The Netherlands has in the past admitted that the execution did indeed take place, but argued that no claim could be lodged because of an expiry in the statute of limitations in Dutch law of five years, the court heard.

Colombia ex-secret service chief jailed in murder

BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia's Supreme Court on Wednesday sentenced a former secret service chief, who served under ex-president Alvaro Uribe, to 25 years in prison for the murder of an academic.

The court declared Jorge Noguera, the former director of the security administration department, or DAS, guilty of aggravated conspiracy and homicide in the death of Alfredo Correa de Andreis.

Correa was shot to death along with a bodyguard, Edilberto Ochoa Martinez, by assailants on a motorcycle on September 17, 2004 in the Caribbean city of Barranquilla.

Noguera, who was director of the DAS from 2002 to 2006, is alleged to have carried out illegal activities with members of right-wing paramilitary groups that infiltrated the security service.

His sentencing was the first of a senior official directly appointed by Uribe, who has come under fire from human rights groups for rights violations during his eight years in office.

Reacting to the verdict on his Twitter account, Uribe said he had chosen Noguera "for his resume and his family."

Previously, a leader of the rightwing paramilitary group the Self Defense Units of Colombia, or AUC by its Spanish acronym, also was convicted of the Correa and Ochoa murders, and sentenced to 26 years in prison.

Correa de Andreis, a professor of agronomy and sociology at the Universidad del Norte, reportedly ran afoul of paramilitary groups in the area because he was seen as being too close to Colombians displaced by the civil strife.

Acapulco teachers protest over extortion threats

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Some 2,000 teachers demonstrated Wednesday in the Mexican port city of Acapulco to seek protection against attempted extortion of their salaries and better security measures in schools.

Organizers estimated 127 schools were now paralyzed by a strike movement which started three weeks ago in some establishments.

"We want a dialogue with the governor," said spokesman Roman Lopez, referring to southern Guerrero state governor Angel Aguirre.

The protests started after teachers received several hun-

dred threatening letters demanding the payment of half their salaries.

Despite calls from the state government for classes to continue, the teachers called for better protection and said a government offer to install panic buttons connected to police centers in schools was insufficient.

Authorities blamed the letters on criminal gangs linked to drug traffickers.

Acapulco, some 250 miles (400 kilometers) southwest of Mexico City, is one of the worst hit areas in a wave of drug-related violence across Mexico.

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Satisfactory economic performance

Summary of the Bulletin for the first quarter of 2011

ORANJESTAD -- The Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) concludes in its Quarterly Bulletin of the first quarter of 2011 that the Aruban economic development in that quarter was satisfactory. The indicators of the tourism sector showed positive developments, with total visitors increasing by 2.2 percent and tourism receipts by 6.0 percent. Cruise tourism continued to do well in the first quarter of 2011, surpassing even the level of 2009. Encouraging were also the re-opening of the refinery at the start of 2011 which meant that the quantity of oil refined in the first quarter of 2011 spiked in comparison to 2010, and the increase in revenues of the various tax components such as wage and profit tax, and import duties. In addition, the real turnover tax receipts rose in the months February, March and April 2011, reflecting transactions in the first quarter of 2011.

Positive developments were not yet fully visible in the construction sector, where several indicators such as permits granted and electrical installations approved still showed a decline. The imports of cement and other construction-related products, however, grew signifi-

cantly. The latter could be indicative of a pick-up in the execution of projects and general recovery of the economy.

Total government debt grew by 1.5 percent to Afl. 2,427.6 million. As a consequence, the government debt to GDP ratio rose by 0.5 percentage point to 55.9 percent. Given the budgeted fiscal deficit for 2011, nominal debt is likely to increase further. The government's financial deficit on a cash-adjusted basis (i.e., including net lending and changes in the unmet financing requirements) expanded to Afl. 108.8 million in the first quarter of 2011, compared to Afl. 91.8 million in the first quarter of 2010. Total revenue rose by a marginal 0.2 percent to Afl. 233.3 million while total expenditures amounted to Afl. 341.8 million, which is equal to an expansion of 8.4 percent. The small growth in total government revenue, despite the aforementioned increase in proceeds from various tax components, was the result of declines in the income from excises on tobacco, beer, and liquor, room tax revenue, turnover tax receipts on a cash basis, and nontax revenue. Meanwhile, in its budget of 2011 the government committed itself to

reaching a balanced budget in 2016. However, despite the encouraging results of the first round of the social dialogue, as well as the aggressive investment stimulus government program, additional reforms to further reduce expenditures and/or raise revenues may be necessary to achieve this goal.

The money supply expanded by Afl. 19.4 million in the first quarter of 2011 to Afl. 3,174.1 million, attributable to an Afl. 22.7 million net inflow of foreign funds. Slow domestic credit demand was evident as loans to enterprises and consumer credit continued to underperform. Housing mortgage lending grew steadily. The ratio of nonperforming loans to total gross loans granted by the commercial banks decreased from 10.8 percent to 9.8 percent, partly related to the write-off of some of these nonperforming loans. The weighted average interest rate margin on new loans and new deposits dropped from 8.5 percent to 8.0 percent, following a more pronounced decline in the weighted average rate of interest on new loans compared to that of new deposits.

The balance of payments posted an Afl. 22.7 million surplus in the first quarter of 2011 (2010: Afl. 45.2 million surplus), resulting in the previously mentioned net inflow of funds from abroad. Total net foreign assets (including revaluation differences of gold and official foreign exchange holdings) rose by Afl. 26.2 million to Afl. 1,498.9 million at the end of March 2011, the equivalent of 5.9 months of current account payments.

Natalee Holloway's father asks judge to declare his daughter dead

6 years after her disappearance

The father of missing American teenager Natalee Holloway has asked a court to declare her legally dead - over six years after her disappearance from the Caribbean island of Aruba.

Dave Holloway filed papers on ex-wife Beth Holloway in an Alabama court in June for a 'petition for presumption of death for persons missing for more than five years' relating to their daughter's case.

However, Beth Holloway said she has no plans to agree to have her daughter declared legally dead, according to a new report.

Beth Holloway told ABC News: 'No, I want to get to the bottom of what's going on from Dave.'

The Holloways divorced in 1993.

Court papers filed on June



21 state that Natalee Holloway left an estate 'estimated to be worth approximately \$500 and probably not more'.

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Andrea Denise Cade and Lee Clinton Moore III say "YES" on Eagle Beach, Aruba



Andrea Denise Cade and Lee Clinton Moore III are one of the many couples who have decided for Aruba as their wedding and honeymoon destination.

Andrea, dressed in her beautiful wedding gown, and Lee said "YES" to each other



at the Historic Civil Town hall of Aruba, but the highlight was the incredible beach ceremony.

Andrea Denise Cade and Lee Clinton Moore III were married September 10, 2011 at Eagle Beach in Aruba. Reverend Robert Gibson performed the double-ring

ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Gloria and the late John Cade of Detroit, Michigan. The groom is the son of Theresa and Lee Moore of Detroit, Michigan.

Presented in marriage by her brother Larry Cade, the bride was attended by her sister, Angela Phillips, as maid

of honor. Martin Valley of Imso-gay, Michigan was the best man.

Guest included Jesse E. and George S. of Toronto, ON. Selena C, Gloria C, Lee and Tanya M, Aisha and Larry C. of Detroit, Michigan. Take-sha and Kalonji G. of Danville, Va, Dawn and Martin Valley of Mi.

The bride is a graduate of the Wayne State University, while the groom is a graduate of the great Michigan State

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On September 16, the process continues in the following neighborhoods: Eagle, Madiki, Ponton, Oranjestad, Seroe Blanco and Vondellaan. This means that all Digital Cable clients must leave their boxes on tonight to ensure the changes. At the end of the process the new guide will appear automatically on TV. Clients will also note changes in some channel numbers.

SETAR will continue announcing the dates and hours of the upgrading transitions for each neighborhood. Clients will also receive a letter thru the mail and an information flyer with details regarding the new electronic guide.

The transition began on September 12, and will continue until October 5. The transition will occur in different phases in each section of the various neighborhoods.

With Passport Guide users can access the Digital Cable electronic menu, offering more variation, control and easy access to favorite programming.

For more information readers can call SETAR at tel. 525-1700 or visit the website www.setar.aw

Santa Rosa's Cow and scarecrow finally gets named!

The first ever Festival of Local Food at Santa Rosa, Aruba's Department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery, held early August was a tremendous success.

A multitude of our people visited the site and participated in the activities and bought the delicious foods and other delicacies. They enjoyed much music by Badu and different folkloric dances. Music was replete with popular Rincon Boys group.

It was announced that afternoon that they were in search of a name for the Santa Rosa cow and for their scarecrow. Participants, especially the children present, were encouraged to submit a name on a piece of paper and deposit this in a designated box.

Not too long ago, Santa Rosa received a cow to add to their herd of animals. Like-



wise the scarecrow in the lobby of the main building needed a name. The intention was to select one of the names submitted that day, but due to the overwhelming amount of names submitted it was impossible to complete the name selection process that afternoon.

It took the organizers several weeks to go through the myriad of names received.

Once the names were decided and voted upon by the Management Team, staff and employees, each contributor was called to notify them that their name choice had won and that they were entitled to one of the prizes.

The first winner is Ryan Rasmijn, who submitted the name "Lolita" for the cow. Thaelisse Loopstok submitted the name "Djodjo" for the



scarecrow. These two youngsters received their prizes from Di-Angelo Schenker and Glenda Bareno. They each received a school bag filled with many school items. The prizes were donated by Write Here Office System.

Management Team of Santa Rosa expresses their heartfelt gratitude to the com-

munity for their excellent cooperation and patronage. Special congratulations are also in order for the winners and to those who participated in the names contest. The Santa Rosa Cow now has a name... Lolita. And, the scarecrow in the lobby as of now is officially known as "Djodjo."

SCI-TECH

Enfants terribles of the environment hit middle age



The new "Rainbow Warrior III" sailing ship

PARIS (AFP) - We sort our rubbish. We recycle our rainwater. We worry about depleted oceans, ravaged rainforests, threatened species.

If we fly abroad, buy a car, crank up the heating or air-conditioning -- or even purchase bottled water -- we may think about how we add to the greenhouse effect.

These reflexes are now anchored among consumers in many parts of the world.

Yet 40 years ago, when environmentalism was limited to a tribe of academics and quirky visionaries, such actions would have triggered bewilderment, even a laugh.

Back then, whales were slaughtered commercially on a massive scale.

France and China conducted nuclear tests in the atmosphere.

People sprayed their armpits with deodorants that gobbled up Earth's ozone layer.

Oil was so cheap that the term "gas guzzler" had not even been invented, any more than "carbon footprint."

Yet it was also in September 1971 that the blithe belief in Earth as a planet of boundless resources began to shrink, thanks in large part to green activism.

Born within days of each other, Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth International launched a mix of

grassroots campaigning, provocative or humorous stunts or civil disobedience, jolting a movement that until then had been sedate.

"The 1960s and 70s were the beginning of large-scale environmental breakdown, and people were aware of it," author Rex Weyler, also co-founder of Greenpeace International, said in a phone interview with AFP.

In 1985, Greenpeace's vessel, the Rainbow Warrior, was blown up by French agents to prevent it nearing the Mururoa test site in the South Pacific.

The scandal propelled Greenpeace to global prominence, a status strengthened the following year by the Chernobyl disaster.

Today, with a presence in 43 countries, 2.8 million members or donors, and a budget last year that rose 15 percent to 226 million euros (310 million dollars), it is a force that few governments or corporations can readily ignore.

Its 1,200 staff range from "direct action" activists to scientific researchers, policy wonks and iPad-clutching smoothies who twist the arms of policymakers, executives and journalists. Friends of the Earth boasts 76 member groups and two million members.

The list of exploits is long. Green militancy helped seal the Montreal Protocol to protect the ozone layer, blocked Monsanto's transgenic seeds in Europe, made Shell scrap plans to dump a disused oil rig in the sea and pressured Nestle over palm oil sourced from Indonesian rain forests (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QV1t-MvnCrA>).

But such clout is strongest in Europe and North America and is far weaker in Asia and Africa, where the environment is fast degrading.

And on climate change -- where the biggest bucks are at stake -- campaigning "has met with a bloody nose," as a veteran UN observer put it.

The NGOs agitated massively for a worldwide treaty at the Copenhagen Summit in December 2009. They were stunned when the summit became a fiasco, leaving climate change in a limbo that is unchanged today.

"The strategy for Copenhagen was really 'Copenhagen or bust'," Paul Horsman of the London-based Global Campaign for Climate Action told AFP in June. "Well, Copenhagen bust."

After celebrating its 40th birthday on Thursday, Greenpeace next month launches Rainbow Warrior III -- a tailor-made engine-assisted sailing ship, complete with helicopter pad and accommodation for 32 eco-warriors.

Like the grey-haired man who buys a Porsche, is this a luxury purchase to boost the testosterone levels, to remind a middle-aged organisation of its youth?

One such critic is Paul Watson. He helped launch Greenpeace but split to set up the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, which is claiming more and more successes in confronting Japan's whalers on the high seas.

In his view, the big NGOs have ignored the crisis of human over-population and become gentrified, cosy up to politicians who have no interest in fixing environment problems as it would cost them their career to do so.

"Anger, which was a very important part of (the environment movement), has left it," Watson said in an interview.

Greenpeace, he quipped, "are the Avon Ladies of the environmental movement. They're just knocking on doors and asking for money."



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'Jew or Not Jew' app pulled by Apple in France

(AFP)--Apple said Wednesday that an iPhone application called "Jew or Not Jew" which drew criticism from anti-racism and Jewish groups has been removed from the App Store in France.

"This app violates local law and is no longer available on the App Store in France," Apple spokesman Tom Neumayr told AFP.

The application, which went on sale on August 9 and cost 0.79 euros, was denounced in France by SOS Racisme, Jewish groups and other organizations.

The app provided information about whether some

3,500 people from various walks of life in 50 countries were Jewish or not.

The creator of the application, Johann Levy, told AFP in Paris that he is Jewish and the app was not intended to be offensive.

On the contrary, he said, it was designed to "make Jews proud" when they find out that a "particular celebrity is also Jewish."

French laws enacted following World War II ban compiling information about religious affiliation without permission. Violators could face five years in prison and a fine of 300,000 euros.

US fisheries kill 4,600 sea turtles per year: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Improved fishing nets have saved tens of thousands of endangered sea turtles in recent years, but 4,600 are still dying annually, mainly in Gulf of Mexico shrimp trawls, said a US study on Wednesday.

Turtle-excluder devices (TEDs), or large holes that allow the creatures to escape from nets that nab smaller marine creatures, have helped cut back on sea turtle deaths up to 94 percent since the 1990s, said the report in the journal Biological Conservation.

The current annual death rate is a "dramatic reduction" from the estimated peak of about 71,000 before protective measures were put in place, said the Duke University-led study which examined data from the US National Marine Fisheries Service on 20 US coastal fisheries.

But major gaps remain, particularly in the Gulf of Mexico and southeastern US shrimp trawl fishery area, where the study said up to 98 percent of all turtle deaths are believed to have occurred in the past two decades.

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PARIS (AFP) - A rattling good laugh with friends will help you deal with pain thanks to opiate-like chemicals that flood the brain, according to a British study released.

Researchers carried out lab experiments in which volunteers watched either comedy clips from "Mr Bean" or "Friends," or non-humorous items such as golf or wildlife programmes, while their resistance to mild pain was monitored.

Another test was conducted at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, where the volunteers watched either a stand-up comedy show or a theatrical drama.

In lab conditions, the pain came from a deep-frozen wine-cooler sleeve which was slipped onto the arm or from a blood-pressure cuff that was

pumped to the threshold of tolerance.

For the Fringe Festival, the volunteers were asked to do a tough exercise -- leaning against the wall with their legs at right angles, as if sitting on a straight-backed chair -- before and immediately after the performance, to see if laughter had helped with the pain.

Just 15 minutes of laughter increased the level of pain tolerance by around 10 percent, the study found.

In the lab experiments, the neutral, non-funny programming had no pain-alleviating effect at all. Nor did watching drama at the Fringe Festival.

However, the study notes two important distinctions.

The only laughter that worked was relaxed, unforced laughter that creases the eyes, as opposed to a polite titter.

And this kind of belly laugh is far likelier to happen when you are with others, rather than being alone.

The protection apparently comes from endorphins, a complex chemical that helps to transmit messages between neurons but also dulls signals of physical pain and psychological stress.

Endorphins are the famous product of physical exercise -- they help create the "buzz" that comes from running, swimming, rowing, yoga and

so on.

In laughter, the release comes from an involuntary, repeated muscular exertion that comes from exhaling without drawing a breath, the scientists believe. The exertion leaves us exhausted and thereby triggers the endorphins.

One theory is that laughter helps transmit mating signals or cements bonding between individuals.

Another idea is that, in a group setting, laughter promotes social cooperation and collective identity. It is thus an evolutionary tool to help survival.

The paper appears in Proceedings of the Royal Society B, a journal published by Britain's de-facto academy of sciences.

UN pushes gender equality as population hits 7 bn

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The world's population will surge to seven billion next month and the challenge is not a lack of living space but how to empower disenfranchised women and girls, the United Nations said Tuesday.

The UN Population Fund (UNFPA), launching a movement called "7 billion Actions," said the milestone was an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty and health crises in nations where huge gender inequalities exist.

Ninety percent of the world's young people are in the developing world, including about 900 million girls and young women who have little or no access to education and reproductive health, fund chief Babatunde Osotimehin said.

Global population has

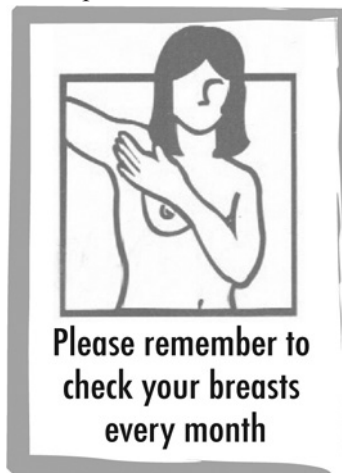
Health Tip:

Are Turned Toes Trouble?

-- In-toeing or out-toeing occur when a child's toes point inward or outward as they walk. Many children who begin walking this way outgrow the abnormal gait.

The Nemours Foundation mentions these signs that a child may need medical evaluation:

- Continuing -- past the age of 3 -- to toe-in or toe-out while walking.
- Limping or having pain while walking.
- Turning one foot inward or outward more than the other foot.
- Showing developmental delays in other areas, including delayed speech.
- Having walking abnormalities that worsen over time.



surged in recent decades. It took 123 years for the world to double from one billion in 1804 to two billion in 1927. From 1987, when the number hit five billion, it took just 11 years to add a billion more.

The rate of increase appears to be slowing, however, with 14 years expected between now and the next billion, and 18 years after that for the next, according to UN forecasts.

Where a growing population will live is not the thrust of the problem, said the UN, which estimates that the world's entire population, standing shoulder to shoulder, could fit in the city of Los Angeles.

But policies implemented today on maternal health care, access to family planning and girls' education, as well as

eradicating female genital mutilation or the betrothing girls as young as five -- are crucial to progress.

Many of them want to go to high school and university, delay marriage, improve their health care and have smaller families, but it will take "unprecedented cooperation," according to Osotimehin.

Lois Quam, who heads the US State Department's Global Health Initiative, said investing in greater opportunities for girls was "essential" to solving the world's top challenges.

"When women and girls' rights are protected and promoted, when women and girls are healthy and educated... can participate fully in society, then progress is triggered in their families, their communities and their nations," she said.

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Aruban-Born NASA Engineer & His Team at the Final Shuttle Mission

Dr. Edward Cheung has spent his entire career as a robotics specialist with NASA, which funded his scholarship to Yale University to obtain his PhD in Electrical Engineering. In 1990, a recruiter from NASA observed his doctorate dissertation, resulting in a summer job at Kennedy Space Center (KSC) and the start of his career with NASA, where for many years he was Principal Engineer of the Hubble Space Telescope Servicing Project. Since the last mission to Hubble in May 2009, Dr. Cheung and his team have focused their talents and expertise on a new project with Ed holding the position of Robotic Refueling Mission (RRM) Electrical Lead.



The RRM goal is to refuel communications and weather satellites while in orbit, and their experimental equipment went to the International Space Station with the last launch of the Atlantis on July 8, 2011. Ed was very much involved in this final mission, acting as a presenter in the "Tweet Tent" on the day of the launch, when thousands came to witness this last historic take-off of a manned orbiter from KSC. "I was surrounded by people who had, for a large part of their lives, been part of the space shuttle program," he recounts, "and afterwards, at Goddard and Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) while following the final landing on July 21st, I had a moment, as I watched Atlantis climb, of amazement, and when it was all over, a feeling that if I could at that moment wave a magic wand allowing the shuttle program to continue, I would be a hero to the NASA people with me."

The RRM project will be entirely controlled by Dr. Cheung and his team from the ground, and he recently returned from MSFC, which will be working in conjunction with the RRM team, to his home base of Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland.

NASA has several ongoing projects for space exploration and the improvement of aeronautics, including ways to make aircraft safer and more environmentally responsible. Dr. Cheung's project will double the life of satellites, which at present are sent to a "space junkyard" once they have expended the fuel tanks filled at launch. His team is also developing the robotics to effect repairs on satellites, which will save millions of dollars in replacement equipment.

Though a number of Dr. Cheung's colleagues have moved into the private sector, which may offer higher pay, he and his team feel the "esprit de corps" of being a part of NASA, often in the forefront of developing and advancing the technology for space exploration. His years with the HST have made him a confirmed "Hubble Hugger," and being such an integral part of that ground-breaking project is something that he will always treasure.

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Rosalie Klein, Reporter

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Las Vegas woman nails world record -- for nails



NEW YORK (AFP) - If Chris Walton ever started biting her nails, she'd probably wear her

teeth out: the Las Vegas resident was declared yesterday to be the woman with the longest nails in the world.

The professional singer with a combined total of nearly 20 feet (six meters) of nails celebrated in New York after being named in the newly released 2012 edition of the Guinness Book of Records.

Arriving by black stretch limousine, Walton, a flamboyant 45-year-old grandmother with a huge bottle-blond hairdo, posed for photographs on the steps of the ornate main New York Public Library.

Varnished in gold glitter, Walton's nails stretch and curve from her hands in a tangle resembling something between spaghetti and one of those writhing Hollywood aliens.

Caribbean news service on a nearly daily bases, while other websites such as Wikipedia have picked up particular articles of interest.

On June 8, Atlantis departed on the last U.S. manned space mission, with Aruban born electrical engineer, Dr. Ed Cheung, on site at Kennedy Space Center as an active participant on the ground in the NASA "tweet tent." Dr. Cheung shared his observances and emotions of that milestone event with MORNING NEWS reporter Rosalie Klein, and the subsequent article was picked up by aruba.com.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration prints a quarterly newsletter and their Summer/Fall issue has reprinted the article detailing the involvement of Dr. Cheung and his team in regards to this final manned launch from U.S. soil, and the continuing role they will play in the space program.

Dr. Cheung was very pleased to inform the paper of this honor, and THE MORNING NEWS staff is proud to have the work of reporter Rosalie Klein selected to be retold by this prestigious organization, as have quite a few of her articles been reprinted by various sources since THE MORNING NEWS began distribution in March of 2010.

We at the paper feel the contributions and accomplishments in robotics and space exploration of native son Dr. Edward Cheung are a source of pride for all islanders, and we are very pleased to see that NASA agrees.

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Grand Opening celebration today



PALM BEACH -- Dunkin' Donuts, known for its delicious coffee, donuts and baked goods; Baskin & Robbins, known for its succulent Ice-Cream in more than 31 flavors, each month for its unique Flavor of the Month and cold shakes; Little Caesars, known for its great value, quick service, quality ingredients and tremendous appeal to families is celebrating its newest location situated next to Valero Palm Beach and inviting customers from whole ARUBA to join the party.

To commemorate the opening the restaurant is hosting a celebration featuring special price on: *Cappuccino, Latte, Espresso, Latte Swirl (Mocha or Caramel) and Flatbread Sandwich (Three Grilled Cheese, Ham & Cheese, Turkey-Bacon-Cheese;

*With a purchase of any Specialty Drink or Flatbread Sandwich you will receive a 64oz. Insulated Mug. *Buy one Scoop & Get The Second Scoop for ½ Price

*Buy a Large Pizza & Get a Medium Pizza for ½ Price.

"We are proud to serve the hard-working people of Aruba. We hope to become part of your everyday routine. We look forward to celebrating our new location with the local community at our grand opening," a spokesperson said.

The new Dunkin' Donuts / Baskin & Robbins / Little Caesars next to Valero Palm Beach location, will be open from DD / BR: 06:30 – 23:00 from Monday true Thursday and Sunday, Friday and Saturday 06:30 - 23:30; LC: 11:00 – 23:00 from Monday true Thursday and Sunday, Friday

and Saturday 11:00 – 23:30.

The menu of Dunkin' Donuts includes dozens of varieties of donuts, baked goods and beverages. Some of the exciting menu items created by Dunkin' Donuts' culinary team for customers to enjoy throughout the day include:

- World-class coffee, iced coffee and espresso beverages.

- Made-to-order oven-toasted flatbread sandwiches.

- An array of breakfast sandwiches, oven-toasted to ensure fluffier eggs, crisper bacon and toasted breads.

- Warm baked goods including a variety of freshly made bagels, muffins, croissants and gourmet cookies.

The menu of Baskin & Robbins will include 31 different flavors of Ice Cream, Classic Sundae, Banana

Royale, Banana Split, Hand-Packed and our endless Toppings.

The menu of Little Caesars will include from our signature Pizza such as Dushi! Dushi!, Meatsa!Meatsa!, Vegi!Vegi, Supreme!Supreme! available in thin- and normal crust, Caesars Wings, Crazy Bread and Fresh Salads.

Dunkin' Donuts has been a morning destination to get a fresh start with a great cup of coffee or baked good. Now Dunkin' Donuts has a new and innovative menu choice for busy people on the go with their different Latte's, Iced Coffee and cold beverages. Most recently, the company introduced the DDSMART better-for-you menu and afternoon snacks such as flatbread sandwiches to offer guests more choices through-

out the day.

"Baskin & Robbins is well known for their shakes in the afternoon or after dinner dessert but, we are on a Sunny Island so we can refresh our self the whole day with an Ice Cold Delicious Ice-Cream as soon the sun comes up or till the end of the night.

"Little Caesars Aruba by introducing different combo's choices, Caesars Wings and Fresh Salad have changed their consumer behavior especially during lunch time because of their smaller portion. You can visit one of our Little Caesars and you will find these combo's, Caesars Wings and Fresh Salads.

"With these three franchises you can spend your entire day with us and we are happy to serve you," the spokesperson ended saying.

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ACROSS

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4. Settled a tab
8. Red variety, for short
11. Subject for Freud
12. "Crimes and Misdemeanors" actor
13. TV commercial award
14. UPS driver, e.g.
16. Boorish
17. Sailing
18. Rhizome tip
19. Worker at the end of the checkout
22. Interlock
23. Jai ____
24. Best Picture

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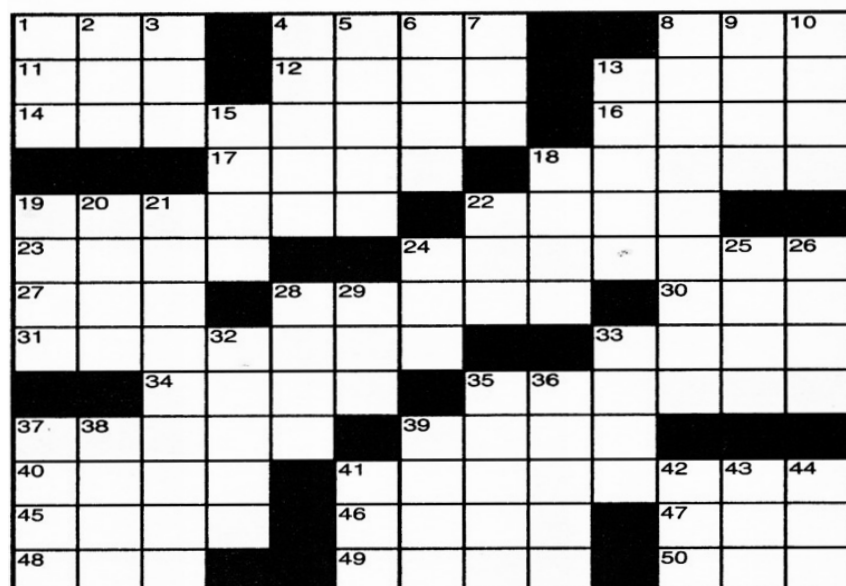
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28. "Medusa and the ____"
30. Badlands Indian
31. Overachieving academic's collection
33. Marco Polo's destination
34. Sonnet writer
35. Smallest in number
37. "The ____ Express" (kidlit classic)
39. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
40. Woe-filled word
41. Beat cop's transport

DOWN

1. "____ serious!"
2. Add a candle to the cake
3. Tropical snake
4. Dated
5. Change
6. Rand Corp. commodity
7. Patriots' org.
8. "No grills

aloud" spot

9. Right hand
10. South African Dutch
13. Quiche shell
15. Wise threesome
18. Gadwall's relative
19. Merry Men grouping
20. Nature's first aid
21. Embarker's need
22. Roman 1051
24. Faux ____
25. Pamphleteer James
26. Like Felix Unger's room
28. Fortuneteller
29. It's struck by a let
32. Sunday meat
33. Bowled over
35. Still-life items, often
36. Les ____ -Unis
37. Nickname Marlene Dietrich gave Hemingway
38. Comic Olsen et al.
39. Water: prefix
41. Former jet-setting transport
42. Dairy-farm figure
43. Jackie's second
44. Untrustworthy sort



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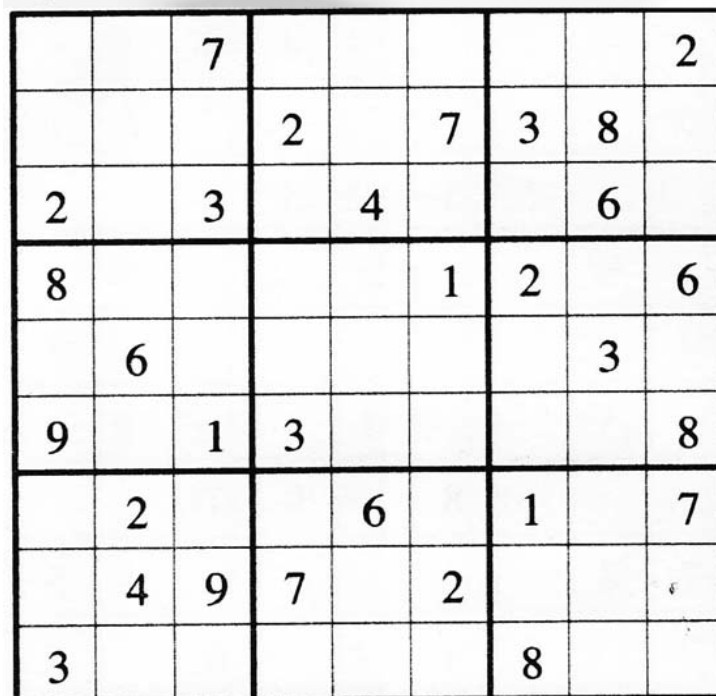
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Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

Finance

World Bank chief blasts irresponsible leading economies

WASHINGTON (AFP) - World Bank President Robert Zoellick Wednesday blasted leading economies, especially Europe, for irresponsible policies that are dragging down the rest of the world.

The United States, Europe, Japan and China are all guilty of poor policies that have hurt the global economy, especially the poorly-founded eurozone, Zoellick said.

He faulted the 17-nation common currency area for unifying monetary policy while allowing members to go their own ways on spending and taxation, leading to

the current crisis.

Zoellick spoke shortly ahead of a key tele-summit scheduled between Germany, France and Greece -- the eurozone's two strongest economies and its weakest, respectively -- aimed at stanching the fracture of regional unity.

Zoellick also pointed his finger at China, the US and Japan for not being "responsible stakeholders" in the world economy.

"It is not responsible for the United States to falter in facing fundamental issues such as unsustainable growth

in entitlement spending, the need for a pro-growth tax system, and a stalled trade policy," he said.

Japan, meanwhile, "has resisted structural economic and social reforms that could retool its sputtering economic model."

And China, the world's second largest economy but still young as a global power, needs to be "a responsible trading partner" with a "responsible exchange rate system" as well as "responsible investments" and "responsible environmental policies."

Oil prices slide in New York on profit taking

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices fell Wednesday in New York amid profit taking after a rally, as traders shrugged off a steep plunge in US crude stockpiles due mainly to bad weather in the Gulf of Mexico.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, light sweet crude for delivery in October dropped \$1.30 to close at \$88.91 a barrel.

The benchmark WTI futures contract had added about \$3 over the past two days, fin-

ishing Tuesday above \$90 a barrel for the first time in six weeks.

Traders took profits after prices hit key technical levels, said John Kilduff at Again Capital.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for October gained, adding 51 cents to settle at \$112.40 on the IntercontinentalExchange.

The WTI contract opened lower in New York, and losses accelerated after the publica-

tion of the US government's weekly data on the country's oil stockpiles.

Crude oil inventories slid by 6.7 million barrels last week, more than twice the amount expected by analysts, the Department of Energy reported.

Gasoline stockpiles, which analysts forecast would decline, rose by 1.9 million barrels amid weak demand that was 2.7 percent lower than a year earlier.

Dutch finance minister worried about Greek measures

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Dutch Finance Minister Jan Kees de Jager said Wednesday he was worried about Greece falling behind in its economic reforms, key to further aid for the debt-ridden country.

He warned that aid would stop, not only to Greece, but all countries which did not implement austerity measures to get their economies in order.

The Dutch government was

preparing for different economic scenarios including one where "certain countries' state debt cannot be fully repaid", De Jager said, but he did not specifically mention Greece.

His comments come as Greece, which received a 110-billion-euro (\$150-billion) European Union-IMF-European Central Bank rescue last year and is hoping for more aid, is feared to be on the edge of defaulting on government borrowings, putting at risk the eurozone.

France and Germany said Wednesday they were convinced that Greece's future lay in the eurozone, as Athens vowed to stick to the harsh austerity measures required to get the EU bailout.

Athens has been warned that failure to overhaul its economy could cost vital funds out of the bailout that rescued it from bankruptcy last year.

A new 159-billion-euro lifeline from the EU currently

hangs in the balance as well, with a number of eurozone members expressing frustration with the Greek government's delay in enacting and implementing agreed reforms.

Japan injects \$850m into tsunami-hit banks

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan will inject public funds totalling 65 billion yen (\$850 million) into two banks in the northeast to aid rebuilding after the March quake and tsunami, the Financial Services Agency said.

Sendai Bank, based in Miyagi prefecture, will receive 30 billion yen in capital and Tsukuba Bank in Ibaraki prefecture 35 billion yen after they requested the cash to lend to firms for reconstruction, the agency said Wednesday.

The funds will be provided later this month, it said in a statement.

The banks will be the first

to benefit from changes to the law in June that brought in provisions to help disaster-hit financial institutions after the quake and tsunami left nearly 20,000 dead or missing and

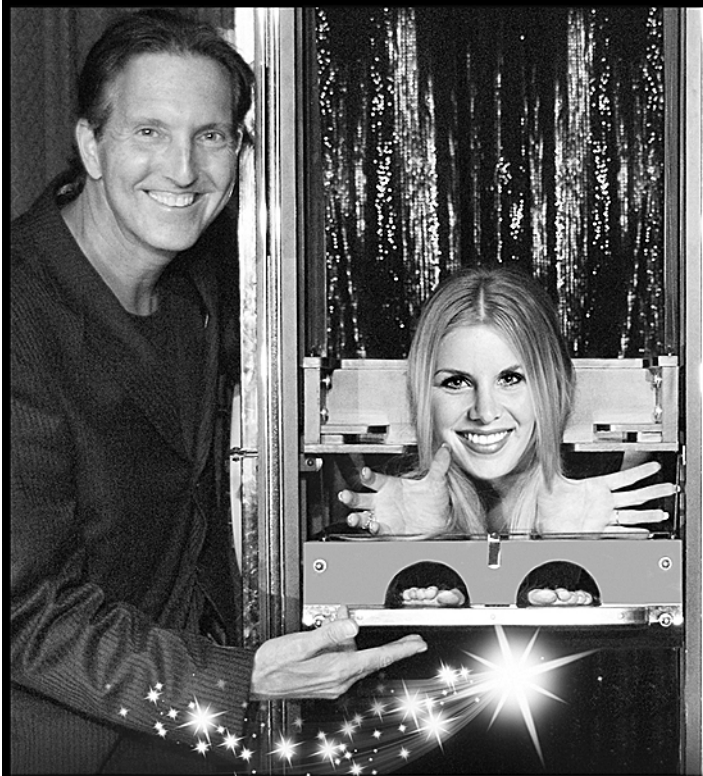
devastated parts of the Pacific coast.

Local media reported that 77 Bank, another regional institution in Miyagi Prefecture, would also seek billions of yen under the provisions.



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YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



Have you had your breakfast today? The Old Fisherman offers breakfast with an Aruban twist



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When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

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If you want to really experience the Aruban twist you might want to try something from the local breakfast menu served on pan grandi (rama) or a baguette. You can try the delicious kerrie-kerrie (a typical Aruban flaked fish), conch, fish egg, shrimp, fish fillet, fish cake and the chicken soup or you can have fruit salad and yoghurt.

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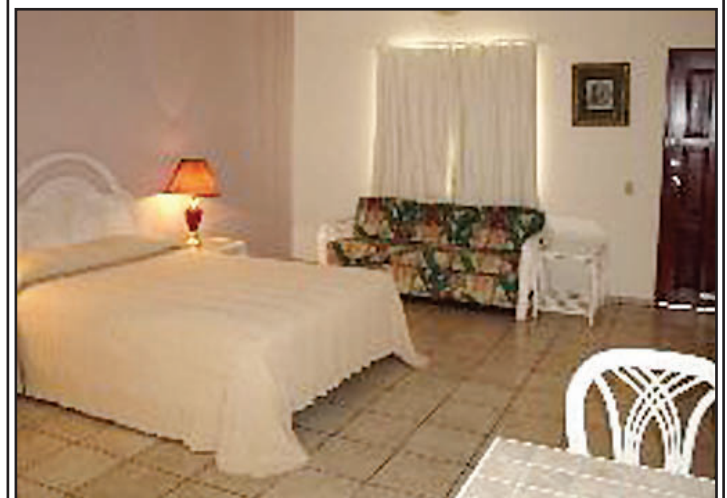


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JFK widow disliked de Gaulle, Indira Gandhi



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The wife of assassinated US president John F. Kennedy did not care for French leader Charles de Gaulle or India's Indira Gandhi, according to newly-released taped interviews.

The interviews with Jacqueline Kennedy, recorded months after the 1963 assassination of her husband and aired for the first time by ABC News, include her candid as-

sessments of world leaders and her time in the White House.

"De Gaulle was my hero when I married Jack," she tells the historian Arthur Schlesinger, referring to her husband by his nickname, in a tape aired by ABC News on Tuesday.

But when she met the French leader in person during a May 1961 visit, shortly after Kennedy assumed office, she found de Gaulle to be "so full of spite" and disliked the French in general.

"I loathe the French... They are not very nice, they are all for themselves," she said.

Her criticism came despite the fact that she had studied at the Sorbonne at the age of 20 and could speak French well.

De Gaulle was not the only world leader that provoked Jacqueline Kennedy's ire. She describes Indira Gandhi, the future Indian prime minister, as a "bitter, kind of pushy, horrible woman."

And at one point she reveals that she had told her husband that US civil rights icon Martin Luther King was a "phony."

The taped interviews of Jacqueline Kennedy -- who died in 1994 without writing any memoirs -- are being published by her daughter Caroline Kennedy to mark the 50th anniversary of the start of her father's presidential term.

The transcripts are being released in a book this month entitled "Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy." ABC News is airing the tapes this week.

funny quotes:

The only reason people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory.

Thief who swallowed diamond is caught on X-ray



MADRID (AFP) - A thief in Spain who stole a diamond from a British woman -- and then swallowed it -- was caught when police stopped him at a checkpoint and forced him to undergo an X-ray.

The theft occurred when two British women entered a restaurant in the luxury southern resort of Marbella and one of them left her handbag on the floor by her chair, police said in a statement.

"Two well-dressed men came in, one sitting at the bar and the other next to the woman," it said.

When the men left, the woman discovered that her

handbag, containing 2,000 euros and 400 pounds sterling, a mobile phone, a pendant with a diamond worth 12,000 euros (\$16,500) and other valuables, had disappeared.

Hours later, police stopped a car at a routine checkpoint and found the four occupants had criminal records.

Inside the vehicle they also discovered a handbag as well as valuables and cash, which they later identified as belonging to the British woman.

All that was missing was the diamond.

"During the operation, officers noticed one of the men putting his hand to his mouth," police said.

"This gesture and the fact that they had found the pendant without the diamond made the police think he may have swallowed it."

"To find the stone, those arrested were taken to a medical center where they underwent X-rays, and the diamond was located inside the stomach of one of them, who admitted swallowing it."

Michael Jackson left \$30m to family



NEW YORK -- He was once one of the wealthiest singers in the history of entertainment, with an estimated fortune of more than \$750m., but when all Michael Jackson's debts were paid off, just \$30m was left in his will for his family.

The 'King of Pop' was heavily in debt when he died.

Executors John Branca and John McClain of his estate say they will distribute the \$30m to the Jackson Family Trust for the benefit of the singer's mother, his three children and charities, under the terms of the pop megastar's will.

Jackson, who started his singing career as a child member of the Jackson Five with

his brothers, was one of the most popular singers in the world. His Thriller album stayed at number one for 37 weeks in 1982, a record only beaten by the soundtrack to West Side story.

Jackson died of acute propofol intoxication after he suffered cardiac arrest at his home in Los Angeles on 25 June, 2009. He was aged 50.

A trial involving his personal physician Conrad Murray began last week. Murray pleaded not guilty to charges of involuntary manslaughter earlier this year.



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Tour finals, Presidents Cup spots sought at Cog Hill

LEMONT (AFP) - With half as many players and twice as much at stake, the \$8 million BMW Championship that starts today at Cog Hill figures to be among the most dramatic events of the US PGA Tour season.

In addition to the \$1.44 million top prize, a field of 70 in the third US PGA playoff tournament will be trying to claim berths in the Presidents Cup and finish in the top 30 in playoff points to reach next week's Tour Championship.

American Webb Simpson won the Deutsche Bank Championship two weeks ago to seize the overall points lead and clinch a berth on the US squad that will defend the Presidents Cup in November at Australia against the Internationals.

That has Simpson thinking ahead to next week's season-ending showdown in Atlanta where the season points champion will walk off with \$10 million.

"You know, \$10 million is a ridiculously large amount of money and an unbelievable prize," Simpson said. "It is very exciting."

"At the end of the day, we want to win golf tournaments, but when \$10 million is at stake, you can't not think about that."

"I know in Atlanta it will be a lot more focus I'm sure on the \$10 million."

Only the top five on the points list after this week will control their fate next week, being able to take the \$10 million with a victory at East Lake. The rest must have help to overcome players ahead of them on the list.

US veteran Dustin Johnson is second on the season points list followed by American Matt Kuchar, World No.

1 Luke Donald of England and American Brandt Snedeker. Australian Jason Day, the Masters and US Open runner-up, is sixth.

"Looking forward to a good week. Looking to try and win and go into Atlanta in the No. 1 spot," Donald said. "It's good to be consistent and have chances, but nothing is better than winning."

This week's winner figures to take one of the top-five spots. That means everyone at the top will be trying to hang on.

"It's going to be in the back of my head, wanting to remain in the No. 1 position or stay in the top five, but the only thing I can really control is what I do," Simpson said.

"I can't really control what Luke or Dustin or any of the other guys do."

Also fighting for points are those near the 30th and final qualifying spot for next week, including Australian Aaron Baddeley in 25th, South Africans Rory Sabbatini in 26th and Charl Schwartzel in 27th and South Korean Yang Yong-Eun in 28th.

In the precarious 30th position is US rookie Kyle Stanley with Scotsman Martin Laird just behind him. England's Brian Davis and Justin Rose are 33rd and 34th in points with US veteran Jim Furyk 35th.

South African Ernie Els will try to become the first player to start the last pre-playoff event outside the top 125 and reach the Tour Championship. He ranks 68th in points and will need to be among the top three to advance again.

And then there is the Presidents Cup.

Six players have clinched US team berths on points: Kuchar, Johnson, Simpson, Steve Stricker, Phil Mickelson and Nick Watney.

Bubba Watson has all-but secured a berth and Tiger Woods has been promised a captain's pick by US leader Fred Couples.

That basically leaves four open spots entering the final week, with Furyk, Hunter Mahan and David Toms the men to beat on points. Snedeker needs to finish 43rd or better to break into the top 10. Bill Haas must finish 11th or better.

"A lot of guys I need to beat this week," Toms said. "Hopefully in the end it'll work out for me."

The Internationals are basically set for the showdown at Royal Melbourne with Day, Yang, Aussie Adam Scott, K.J. Choi and Kim Kyung-tae of South Korea, Japan's Ryo Ishikawa and South Africans Schwartzel, Els and Retief Goosen.

Aussie Geoff Ogilvy, who has straggled with illness and finger and shoulder injuries this year, will be trying to stay ahead of idle South African Louis Oosthuizen to claim the 10th and final automatic spot.

"I have to have a reasonable week to hold my position," Ogilvy said. "It's definitely not one that I would like to miss. I would like to play, yeah."

Internationals captain Greg Norman will have two picks as well, but an Aussie contingent that once looked to be five now has only Scott and Day secure.

Presidents Cup captain's selections will be revealed on September 27.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
NY YANKEES	88	57	.607	--
BOSTON	85	61	.582	3.5
TAMPA	81	64	.559	7.5
TORONTO	74	73	.503	15
BALTIMORE	58	87	.400	30.0

Central

DETROIT	84	62	.575	--
CHICAGO	73	72	.503	10.5
CLEVELAND	72	72	.500	11.0
KANSAS	62	86	.419	23.0
MINNESOTA	59	87	.404	25.0

West

TEXAS	83	64	.565	--
LA ANGELES	80	66	.548	2.5
OAKLAND	66	80	.452	16.5
SEATTLE	61	85	.418	21.5

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
PHILADELPHIA	94	49	.657	--
ATLANTA	84	63	.571	12.0
NY METS	71	75	.486	24.5
WASHINGTON	67	77	.465	27.5
FLORIDA	66	79	.455	29.0

Central

MILWAUKEE	86	62	.581	--
ST. LOUIS	79	67	.541	6.0
CINCINNATI	71	75	.486	14.0
PITTSBURG	66	80	.452	19.0
CHICAGO	64	82	.438	21.0
HOUSTON	49	97	.336	36.0

West

ARIZONA	85	62	.578	--
SAN FRANCISCO	76	70	.521	8.5
LA DODGERS	72	73	.497	12.0
COLORADO	69	77	.473	15.5
SAN DIEGO	63	84	.429	22.0



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ATLANTA -- After allowing the National League Wild Card race to get a little too close for comfort, the Braves knew they had to turn things around this week. With the suddenly red-hot Alex Gonzalez providing some unexpected offensive contributions, they now have a little more room to breathe. Gonzalez extended his hot streak with a three-run seventh-inning homer that proved decisive for the Braves as they strengthened their playoff hopes with a 4-1 win over the Marlins at Turner Field on Wednesday afternoon. "The season is full of ups and downs," Gonzalez said. "I feel great. Now I want to keep doing what I've been doing this series." Picture depicts Gonzalez celebrating his three-run homer (AFP)

Nuggets guard Smith signs with Chinese team

DENVER (AFP) - J.R. Smith signed a one-year deal with China's Zhejiang Whirlwinds on Wednesday, making certain that he plays next season no matter how the NBA lock-out turns out.

Leon Rose, Smith's agent, told the Denver Post that Smith was concerned about the talks between NBA club owners and players after a lockout that began July 1. The latest negotiations broke off on Tuesday.

"People don't get me wrong I love the NBA and

when the league I do plan to come back. How many chance have you had to do what you love in another country can appreciate it..." Smith posted on his Twitter microblog website.

The Chinese Basketball Association has told players they will not be able to opt out of their contracts and return to the NBA this season if the stalemate ends and a settlement is reached allowing for a 2011-2012 NBA season to begin.

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Trabzonspor stun Inter to heap misery on Gasperini



Trabzonspor's Czech defender Ondrej Celustka celebrates after scoring against Inter Milan

MILAN (AFP) - Outsiders Trabzonspor stunned 2010 winners Inter Milan 1-0 in the Champions League at the San Siro here on Wednesday to heap more misery on the Italian side's coach Gian Piero Gasperini.

Czech right-back Ondrej Celustka was the unlikely hero for the Turks, who are only playing in the Champions League on a wild card after Turkish champions Fenerbahce were kicked out over a match-fixing scandal.

Trabzonspor had actually already been knocked out in the third qualifying round by Benfica.

Although Inter enjoyed the greater number of chances, the visitors remained disciplined and organised and struck from their only real chance to gain a famous victory over their illustrious opponents.

After being vilified in the Italian press following Sunday's 4-3 defeat at Palermo, Gasperini bowed to the pressure and abandoned his back three.

But while the conventional back four may have offered him more solidity in defence, it didn't help the spectacle at an embarrassingly empty San Siro.

Other results today:

Group A

Manchester City (ENG) 1 (Kolarov 74) Napoli (ITA) 1 (Cavani 68)

Villarreal (ESP) 0 Bayern Munich (GER) 2 (Kroos 6, Rafinha 75)

Group B

Lille (FRA) 2 (Sow 44, Pedretti 56) CSKA Moscow (RUS) 2 (Doumbia 72, 90)

Inter Milan (ITA) 0 Trabzonspor (TUR) 1 (Celustka 75)

Group C

Basel (SUI) 2 (Frei 39, 84-pen) Otelul Galati (ROM) 1 (Pena 58)

Benfica (POR) 1 (Cardozo 23) Manchester United (ENG) 1 (Giggs 41)

Group D

Dinamo Zagreb (CRO) 0 Real Madrid (ESP) 1 (Di Maria 52)

Ajax (NED) 0 Lyon (FRA) 0



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'Emotions did get the best of me' Serena tweets



NEW YORK (AFP) - Serena Williams explained her outburst at Greek umpire Eva Asderaki in Sunday's US Open women's final in a Twitter posting on Wednesday, saying she lost control of her emotions.

Australian Samantha Stosur coasted to a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over the American 13-time Grand Slam singles champion, who directed a series of insults at Asderaki in the second set.

"My emotions did get the best of me this past weekend when I disagreed with the umpire," Williams said. "It has been a long road to get back to the US Open this year, and I am thankful to

have had such a great two weeks in New York."

Williams, who turns 30 on September 26, was fined \$2,000 for a code violation for verbal abuse for her comments.

She was on probation after a 2009 US Open semi-final outburst but was not banned

from next year's US Open because the latest tirade was not ruled a "major offense."

Williams received \$1.4 million at the US Open, a runner-up prize of \$900,000 plus a \$500,000 bonus based upon her results in tournaments leading to the US Open.

Cyclist Longo pulls out of world championships

PARIS (AFP) - French cycling heroine Jeannie Longo has pulled out of next week's world championships following reports that she could be handed a drugs ban of up to two years.

Longo, a 59-time national champion, is under scrutiny for failing to inform anti-doping officials of her whereabouts ahead of random tests.

The claims have put in doubt her plans to cap her stunning career with a possi-

ble final Olympic appearance in London next year.

They have already put paid to her appearance in Copenhagen next week, with her lawyer Bruno Ravaz telling AFP: "She is very upset by these unfair allegations surrounding her."

Longo said in a statement that she was "not in the physical or mental state to take her place at the highest level in an international competition."

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Marlins to debut new ballpark in 2012

NEW YORK (AFP) - Major League Baseball will open the 2012 season with the re-named Miami Marlins making their debut in a new home ballpark against St. Louis on April 4 under a schedule announced on Wednesday.

The Florida Marlins, as they have been known since being founded in 1993, will change their name in November as they prepare to move into a \$515 million retractable-roof stadium with 37,000 seats and a view of

downtown Miami.

Major League Baseball will continue with a change made this year by starting and finishing the six-month season on a Wednesday, the mid-week move allowing for the World Series to conclude in October. The season will end on October 3.

The day after the Marlins host the Cardinals, six game will be played, including Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, Los Angeles at San Diego, Washington at the New York

Mets, Atlanta at the New York Mets in the National League and Boston at Detroit and Toronto at Cleveland in the American League.

The 83rd Major League Baseball All-Star Game will be played on July 10 in Kansas City.

Interleague play will be staged for a 16th season, with East, Central and West division clubs in each league playing rivals from that same division in the other league.

'Tired' Nadal in Spain for Davis Cup semi



CORDOBA (AFP) - Spain's Rafael Nadal arrived "a bit tired" in Spain for his country's Davis Cup semi-final against France after his US Open final loss to Novak Djokovic.

"I have played three weeks at the highest level possible. So I've arrived here a bit physically tired. We'll see in the coming days how I feel," he told a news conference on Wednesday.

The world number two arrived in the southern city of Cordoba on Tuesday, just a day after his loss to Djokovic in New York.

Spain, led by Nadal, meets France in the Davis Cup semi-final in Cordoba from Friday.

"Anyway, (the team) is not just me. We are a team of four players and perhaps the captain will decide that one of my teammates is better prepared than me."

Aside from Nadal, Spain is represented by Fernando Verdasco, David Ferrer and Feliciano Lopez.

Nadal flew from New York in a private jet, accompanied by the head of the Spanish tennis federation and the mayor of Cordoba.

"I have to say that nobody needed to convince me to come to defend my country," said Nadal, visibly irritated. "Not the mayor of Cordoba, nor anyone else. My decision to come was taken months ago."

France is represented by Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, Gilles Simon, Richard Gasquet, Julien Benneteau and Michael Llodra.

But it will be without its number one player, Gael Monfils, who is injured.

France beat Spain 5-0 in the quarter-finals in Clermont-Ferrand last year before losing in the final to Serbia.



Floyd Mayweather (3L) poses with Victor Ortiz (2R) and boxers Canelo Alvarez (2L) and Alfonso Gomez (R), at CityWalk in Universal City, California. At far left is rapper 50 Cent. Mayweather is scheduled to face Ortiz in a WBC welterweight boxing title match September 17 in Las Vegas. (AFP PHOTO)